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FIRST AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Please cancel claim 15.

Please add the following claim 16.

16. The check transport system of claim 1 wherein the processor computer transmits the authorization indication contemporaneously with the selection of the check payment option.

CLAIM REJECTION - 35 U.S.C. §112

In light of the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, claim 15 has been canceled.

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